

5 March 1985
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--February 1985

I. GENERAL

An overnight snowfall of 4-5 inches resulted in the first "weather emergency" of the winter on 26 February. The Embassy remained closed for the day because of street conditions, but the Bureau operated normally--with some personnel substitutions. For Amman, this is rather late in the winter for an accumulation of snow, so presumably it was the last incident of the kind for the winter of 84/85.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The Jordan-PLO agreement on a framework for Middle East peace negotiations attracted interest on the part of both FBIS and Embassy consumers. The text of the 11 February agreement, published by Jordan on 23 February, was apparently released in two "official" versions, one in English and one in Arabic, leading to considerable confusion among interested observers over which wording of King Husayn's formula on "land in exchange for peace" was the more official.

2. Syrian-Jordanian relations, already tense, heated up a few more degrees when the Syrians accused Jordanian authorities of direct complicity in a 24 February border incident in which two Syrian civilians were killed. Apparently unsure of how the story was to be handled, the Syrian News Agency first reported the incident, then killed the item, and finally reopened its original item to add comments by the SANA political editor blaming Jordan for a new chapter in the "vile capitulatory plot being concocted by the Amman rulers." Amman subsequently denied any involvement in the incident.

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3. At the request of [redacted] the Bureau treated all monitored materials on FRG President Weizsaecker's 3-5 February visit to Jordan as priority processing, including the president's and King Husayn's banquet speeches.

JORDAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 198,200
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 35,660
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 731

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: BROAD- PRESS PUBLI-
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(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK) 6375 14250 73

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

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| CLANDESTINE (IRAN AND IRAQ) | | | |
| (CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN ARABIC | 0 | | |
| (CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN ARABIC | 0 | | |
| Bahrain | | | |
| MANAMA WAHAB IN ARABIC | 0 | | |
| FRANCE | | | |
| PARIS RADIO MONTE CARLO IN ARABIC | 19760 | | |
| PARIS AL-MUSTAQBAL IN ARABIC | | 1629 | |
| PARIS AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI IN ARABIC | | | 6650 |
| IRAQ | | | |
| BAGHDAD VOICE OF THE MASSES IN ARABIC | 9340 | | |
| BAGHDAD VOICE OF PLO IN ARABIC | 17840 | | |
| BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC | 7060 | | |
| BAGHDAD INH IN ARABIC | | 16198 | |
| BAGHDAD INA IN ENGLISH | | 70 | |
| BAGHDAD AL-JUNHURIYAH IN ARABIC | | | |

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ARABIC

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ARABIC

JERUSALEM AL-SHA'B IN

ARABIC

JERUSALEM AL-TALI'AH IN

ARABIC

JORDAN

AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

ARABIC

12500

AMMAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN

ARABIC

5380

AMMAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN

ENGLISH

1920

AMMAN PETRA-JBA IN

ARABIC

1238

AMMAN AL-DUSTUR IN

ARABIC

7560

AMMAN AYDAR AL-USBU' IN

ARABIC

AMMAN AL-RA'Y IN

ARABIC

AMMAN THE JERUSALEM STAR IN

ENGLISH

6698

AMMAN JORDAN TIMES IN

ENGLISH

980

AMMAN SHAT AL-SHA'B IN

ARABIC

11860

LEBANON

MARJ 'UYUN LEBANON VOICE OF HOPE IN

ARABIC

868

MARJ 'UYUN LEBANON VOICE OF HOPE IN

ENGLISH

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SUDAN

KHARTOUM SUNA IN

ARABIC

7680

KHARTOUM SUNA IN

ENGLISH

2930

SYRIA

DAMASCUS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

ARABIC

29810

DAMASCUS TELEVISION SERVICE IN

ARABIC

3990

DAMASCUS SANA IN

ARABIC

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